NEVVES FROM LEICESTER.

Being the Copie of a Letter sent from thence the 6. of *Iune*, to Mr. *VVilliam Iones* Inhabitant in *Covent Garden*.

Wherein is declared how the Earle of *Stamford* being sent thither by the Parliament to see the *Militia* ordered, comming to the *Angell*, at *Leicester*, met with another Nobleman sent thither by His Majesty for the same purpose.

Likewise a true Relation of a Combate fought between the Earle of *Stamford* and the said Nobleman, the 4. of *Iune*, 1642. Also the Resolution of the Gentry and Commonalty of *Leicestershire*, presented to the said Earle of *Stamford* by the Major and Aldermen of the said City.

Another LETTER sent to Mr. SPEAKER,

From the Commissioners in the County of *Essex* concerning the MILITIA.

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A Letter sent to Mr. Speaker,

Mr. Speaker,

Arlog, in obedience to the Order of both Houses attended the Lord-Lieutenant of this County of *Essex* this day to *Brentwood*, for the putting of the Ordinance of the Militia of this County in execution; his Lordship hath directed us to give you an account of the service, so farre as it could be yet performed, as he hath himselfe done to the House of Lords. There were five Companies of the Ordinary Trained bands this day drawne into the field, being about a 4th part of the Trained bands of this County, and all that were directed to meet at this place, their numbers were full, and their Armes compleat, a supply being made by Volunteers of those Armes that were carried forth of the County, upon the late expedition for *Scotland*, and one of the said Companies being under the charge of Captain *Massam* was doubled to the usu-

all proportion, a sixth company did appeare at this place, consisting of about 200 Volantiers, under command of Captain *Barrington*, youngest son of Sir *Thomas Barrington*.

The declaration of both Houses touching their indempnity, was read in the head of each Company, and the Captaines, Officers and Souldiers being required by the Lord Lieutenant, to observe such further directions as in pursuance of the said Ordinance should be hereafter given them in charge by this Lordship, or his Deputy Lieutenants, for the service of his Majesty, and the Parliament, in defence of the Kingdome, they did unanimously expresse Resolution so to doe, and in the same cheerfully to spend their lives and Fortunes.

Bernard Lieu

June, 1643.

Thomas Barrington	*Thomas Cheek.*
William Masham	*Henry Mildmay.*
William Hicks.	*Har. Grimston.*
Matt. Loomley	*Ric. Everard.*

John Barrington.

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Another Letter from Leicester.

Brother,

I Am not unmindfull of my promise, and [illegible] both the Houses of Parliament hath been vexed in suffering of that Army and putting the Kingdom into a posture of distraction. Likewise it is not unknown what Plots and Stratagems the malignant Party have used to prevent their Religious Designes, having no way untempted that might either conduce to their further end of their own designes, or hinder the perfecting of the other: which hath been their practises all ages but at this time especially at Court, wherewith their flattering and dissembling words, they work more mischief between King and Parliament, then even their lives can make amends for.

A true Example I will give you of the same which happened lately at Leicester.

Upon the 1 day of this present moneth the Earle of Stamford, arrived at Leicester, being

being sent hither by the High Court of Parliament to dispose and order the *Militia*, but comming to the *Angell* where he assembled his band, there met him a Knight from the Kings Majesty with Commission under the Broad Seale for the same businesse, which Noble man seeing the Earle demanded the occasion of his comming thither, withall told him he feared he came to seduce the Kings Liege People, withall charging him in his Majesties name to depart, as for the Militia he had authority from his Majesty to order it, and that conceived that they were bound rather to obey him according to his Majesties Command, then the Parliament, many other sharpe and uncivill words he gave the said Earle, which so incensed him, he drew his Sword and wisht him to depart or he would make that place too hot for him, the Lord and his servants drew, so did the other, betwixt whom there grew a desperate Combate, but it being Market day the multitude of people rushing in took the Earle of *Stamford* part,

part, and made the other leave the Town with shame, the people hissing and calling him Popish Lord, and many opprobrious words, at which time the Major and Aldermen were astonished, and came to the Angell, where also a large expression of sorrow for that sad accident, they presented to him a paper, wherein was their Petition, the effect whereof was to this purpose.

1. They resolved in all Loyall Obedience to fulfill his Majesties just Commands.

2. They resolved to maintain as farre as in them lay, the true Protestant profession, and according to his Majesties Command, to execute the Lawes against Recusants.

3. They resolved in all Obedience to submit themselves to the Commands of the high Court of Parliament, knowing it to be most expedient both for his Majesties Safetie, and the Kingdomes future security, withall manifesting such hearty Obedience and earnest Zeale to the said Earle, both concerning the Militia, that the said Earle hardly knew how to give them so great thanks as he conceived

ved was due for such large expression of their love.

Nevertheless he with a cleare of countenance thanked them and animated them on to a hasty performance of what they had promised, and withall could them that he would make knowne to the high Court of Parliament, from whom they should receive a gratefull acknowledgement as a just reward for all their service at which the people gave a generall shout crying a *Stamford* a *Stamford* with such ioy, that the good Earle was forced to withdraw tears of ioy standing in his eies to see his Countrys love and obedience.

This is all that at this time happened onely there is great expectation that on the generall training day our numbers will be full, the manner of which meeting in my next Letter I will give you notice of, till which time I rest

Your loving Brother

Adam Lowe.

From *Leicester*
June 6. 1642.

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